

Rotary Tradition

Based on Family Tradition

Hank Williams Jr.

Rotary Club members
Have always been a real close family
And lately some of my town folk
Have joined a few others and me
To work to improve
This world's crazy condition
'Cause I just want to serve in the Rotary tradition

Friends get on me and want to know
Friend, why do you serve?
Friend, why do you raise funds?
Why must you live out "Service Above Self"

Over and over
People wonder at my condition
But I join with friends as we serve the world
It's a Rotary tradition

I am very proud
Of the Rotary name
Though the ways we each serve the world
Ain't exactly the same

Stop and think it over
Join with me in my position
Commit with friends to the Four-Way Test
It's a Rotary tradition

So don't ask me
Friend, why do you serve?
Friend, why do you raise funds?
Why must you live out "Service Above Self?"

When I'm down, pulling weeds and such
Collecting food or ending polio
I say leave me alone
I'm serving all day long
It's a Rotary tradition

Lordy, we have funded projects
Helping others to a better life
Rotary has served all since 1905

When the doctor asked me
"Son, how'd you get in this condition?"
I said, "Hey, Sawbones
I'm just carrying on an ol' Rotary tradition"
So don't ask me
Friends, why do we serve?
Friends, why do we raise funds?
Why must we live out "Service Above Self?"

Stop and think it over
Come and join me in my unique position
I join with friends as we serve the world
It's a Rotary tradition